

Staff
 Bro. Craig Forque
 Music Minister &
 Associate Pastor

Bro. Sean Slate
 Interim Youth Minister

May Van Driver
Rodney Blackwell
 337 208 6302

May Birthdays
 2 – Jon Brumley
 4 – Bob Foster
 Walker Dillon
 6 – Tammy Blackwell
 Brenda Tucker
 8 – Mike Hennessee
 Margie Tipton
 9 – Pat Gremillion
 10 -Nancy Williams
 12 -Trip Clemons
 13 - Linda Brady
 Roland Terrell
 15- Mason Westerchil
 Mindi Cooley
 16 -Jane James
 17 – Erica Arnold
 18 – Ryland Williams
 Axel Rector
 Valerie Cain
 Elizabeth Cyr
 22 – James Tuck
 24 – Genevieve Johnson
 27 – Loretta Forque
 Dustin Amith
 30 – Ashley Nading
 Robin Brians
 31 – Mike Corley

First Baptist Church- 1400 Nolan Trace-P. O. Box 1568-Leesville,
 LA 71496-337 239 6535 First Baptist Bulletin is published monthly
 by First Baptist Church-1400 Nolan Trace Leesville, Louisiana 71446

Non-Profit Org.
 US Postage Paid
 Leesville, LA 71446
 Permit #463

Volume: AB Number 5
 May 2021



Church Office
 337 239 6535
 Fax: 337 238 0492
fbcleesville@suddenlinkmail.com
 Web: fbc-leesville.org
 Suddenlink-Channel 61

Serving God - Loving People

Deacon on Call

May 2-8, 2021
 Tim Tuck
 337 392 9555 (h)
 337 353 9796 (c)

May 9-15, 2021
 Dewitt Wagner
 337 397 2152 (c)

May 16, 2021
 Asa Skinner
 337 208 8161(c)

May 23-29, 2021
 Dustin Smith
 337 424 9975 (c)

May 30-June 5, 2021
 Roland Terrell
 337 238 1615 (h)

**WE ARE OPEN FOR
 IN-HOUSE WORSHIP
 SERVICES
 Sunday**

Sunday School for all ages 9:45 AM
 Worship Service 10:45 AM Sunday morning
 Children's Choir 5 PM Sundays
 GA's & RA's 6 PM Sundays
 Evening Worship Service @ 6 PM .

Wednesday

Awana 6 PM
 Youth & Adult Bible Study in the CLC @ 6 PM
 Adult Choir Practice @ 7 PM

FBC State of Affairs

2020 Monthly Budget Required \$41,780.00

Received April 4, 2021	\$59,131.50
Received April 11, 2021	8,026.00
Received April 18, 2021	1,182.51
Received April 25, 2021	7,694.54

Sunday School Report

	4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25
Members Present	66	66	72	63
Visitors	6	6	9	11
Worship Attendance			114	107

**Congratulation to Baylor Dillon for
 having been selected to serve on the
 Centrifuge Camp staff this summer.
 We will have a commissioning
 Service on May 23, 2021 in the
 morning service for Baylor.**

Craig's Notes

Can you believe that we are already beginning the fifth month of 2021? It is with excitement that I sit to write this May newsletter article. Many of our ministries are returning to full gear and the Lord is affording us new opportunities for ministry. Please be praying for the doors that the Lord will be opening for us and for our own obedience in travelling through.

Before we jump into the exciting opportunities of May, let me begin by thanking those who have helped with worship during the month of April. As always, we were blessed with the service of an amazing technical team of projector, camera, sound, and television operators. With two large funerals at the church in May, I am extra thankful for those who were able to come and help do the things that needed to be done. In addition, I want to thank Elizabeth Cyr for the accompaniments and Sean Slate, Grant Blackwell, and Jared Prewitt for leading music. We missed Daniel Arnold on the Bass Guitar in April as he was in the field fulfilling his duties as a soldier. Also, thanks to the Adult Choir, to Elizabeth Cyr, Sean Slate, Crystal Rector, Grant Blackwell, and Leslie Moore for the beautiful solos, and to Elizabeth Cyr and Jane Holton for the beautiful piano duet of "In My Heart There Rings a Melody." As a special treat on April 18, we were blessed to hear a special sermon from Ron Holton, who grew up here at FBC and is founding pastor of Rockpointe Church in Flower Mound, Texas. Thank you all for using your talents in the Lord's service.

There is so much going on here at FBC this month of which I need to speak. First, on May 9, we will be celebrating Mother's Day with a special Mother's Day Breakfast during the Sunday School Hour. The Ladies Sunday School Class will be taught by Delain Prewitt. We are currently looking for men who can fill in teaching Sunday School in children's classes and the nursery so all the ladies can attend the breakfast. Also, we will be having Baby/Child/Parent Dedication in the morning service. If you have a baby or child that you would like to be dedicated, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

On Friday, May 15, we will be sponsoring "Light the Night" at the Polk Outdoor theater on Texas Street (On Texas Street between HWY 171 and 3rd Street). It will be from 5 to 8 in the evening, and we will be giving away grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and sharing Good News. In addition to the food, there will be events on the stage and there will also be a bouncer for the kids. Currently, we are doing evangelistic training on Wednesday Nights to help us be prepared to share the Good News with people who may attend. Roger Rolon is lining up events on the stage and Robert Pynes is lining up the folks to cook. If you would like to help financially with the cost of the event, please contact Loretta Poe or the Church office. Please be in prayer as we try to truly be Fisher's of Men.

On Sunday, May 16, we will recognize graduates in the morning services. If you have a high school or college graduate, please let the church office know as soon as possible so we can include them in the list to be recognized. Also, those with high school graduates, please get pictures in for the slide show as soon as possible (the due date was in April).

On the Evening of May 16, the Children's Choir will present their end of the school year musical, BIG. I have heard them in practice, and they are doing an amazing job. You don't want to miss them.

On Sunday Evening, May 23, we will have a special commissioning service for Baylor Dillon as he leaves to minister at Centrifuge Camp in Greenville, SC for the summer. With all the cultural changes that have taken place in the USA in the last couple of years, Baylor and other staffers will have to navigate waters uncharted by past camp staffers. Let us all commit to prayer fervently for him, and I hope you can be part of this special commissioning service.

Then on Sunday, May 30, we will have the first of our "Summer Picnics" since September 2019. Please join us in worship that morning and then join us for the Memorial Weekend Picnic to follow.

I cannot close this Newsletter without mentioning that three of our organizations will begin meeting again in May. Women's Missionary Union (WMU) will meet on Sunday, May 2 at 4:30 PM. Tapestry will be meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 6 PM and everyone should bring a small pot they can plant something in (plants are provided). Then on May 27, the Senior Adult Group, DMA, will be meeting. We will meet for games at 9:30 AM with a program at 10:30 AM. Homebound visitation started back up in April and we will meet at 9 AM on Thursday, May 13 to go out and visit.

I do want to take this opportunity to wish condolences to the family of Sherry Paris in her homegoing, as well as to those who were like family to her. Sherry had been a long time faithful member of FBC. Also, I want to wish condolences to Syd Smith in the homegoing of her nephew Bobby Guy Boycher. In addition, I want to offer Christian Sympathy to our DayCare Director, Marie Thornton, on the homegoing of her mother, Claudia Smart. May God bless each of these families with His peace and comfort.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.



Congratulations to Karen Robertson, Principal of WLE on being named a state semifinalist for 2021-2022 principal of the year award.

Homebound Visitation has begun again

Second Thursday of each month. Meet in the CLC at 9:30 AM, have a sausage biscuit prepared by Loretta Poe, select a homebound individual to visit and be blessed.

May 9, 2021 @ 9:30 AM

Mother's Day breakfast prepared by the Baptist Men. Mothers, if you are a Sunday School teacher, one of the men of the church will teach your class so you can enjoy the breakfast and the group Sunday School class, to be taught by Delain Prewitt.

WMU will begin meeting again May 2, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

"Thank You"

A Big "Thank You" to all of you for remembering the FBC secretaries on their special day. Your generosity was truly appreciated.
FBC Secretaries

Tapestry

May 11, 2021 @ 6 PM in the CLC
If you would like to take a plant home, bring a small pot. Soil and the plants will be provided.

Everyone invited. Come, bring a friend, your flower pot and enjoy the fellowship.



Love and condolences to Nita Paris and family & friends in the death of her mother, Sherry Paris.

And

To Jane Holton & Family after Don's memorial service on April 17th.

&

Lavean Marze in the death of her aunt, Lelia Harrington.



May 9, 2021

Baby Dedication Service in the morning service. If you have not already done so, please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to participate in this service.

May 16, 2021

**Senior Recognition Day
Get your pictures in as soon as possible!!!**